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SUBJECT : FRENCH SHIP NORMANDIE

1. AS ADDRESSEE MAY BE AWARE, EMBASSY HAS STANDING  
INSTRUCTIONS THAT WITH EXCEPTION OF BRITISH INTERESTS, IT  
SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT REPRESENT INTERESTS OF 3RD COUNTRIES  
WHICH DO NOT HAVE FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE ROC.

2. BECAUSE OF URGENT HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED  
IN "NORMANDIE" REFUGEE MATTER, FOLLOWING LETTER DELIVERED  
TO MOFA EARLY SATURDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 9.

3. BEGIN QUOTE.

MR. YU PENG  
DIRECTOR  
CONSULAR AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
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DEAR MR. YU:

THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT THE FRENCH TANKER "NORMANDIE"  
OF THE SOCIETE DES TRANSPORTS MARITIMES PICKED UP SIXTY  
INDOCHINESE REFUGEES RECENTLY IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA  
WHILE PROCEEDING TO ITS NEXT PORT-OF-CALL, KAOHSIUNG.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE VESSEL WILL CALL AT THE PORT OF KAOHSIUNG, ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1978 WITH THESE REFUGEES ABOARD.

THE FRENCH CONSUL-GENERAL RODRIGUES IN HONG KONG REPORTED TO THE U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL IN HONG KONG THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S GUARANTEE THAT IF THESE INDOCHINESE REFUGEES ABOARD THE "NORMANDIE" ARE PERMITTED TO LAND IN KAOHSIUNG "ALL THE REFUGEES WHO WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED BY A THIRD COUNTRY WILL BE ADMITTED TO FRANCE, IF POSSIBLE A FEW DAYS AFTER THEIR LANDING AND IN ANY CASE BEFORE NINETY DAYS."

THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT ALSO REPORTED THAT IT WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT IF THE BOAT REFUGEES FROM THE "NORMANDIE" COULD LAND HERE AND RECEIVE THE HUMANITARIAN TREATMENT THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN EXTENDED HERE PREVIOUSLY TO BOAT REFUGEES FROM INDOCHINA.

THIS IS A HUMANITARIAN MATTER OF SOME URGENCY, AND I THOUGHT YOU WOULD WISH TO BE MADE AWARE OF IT.

- SINCERELY,

- THOMAS F. WILSON  
- COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY

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- FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS  
END QUOTE.

4. GROC OFFICIAL COMMENTED WHEN PRESENTED WITH LETTER THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE APPROPRIATE ACTION COULD BE TAKEN UNTIL EARLY NEXT WEEK BUT THAT HE BELIEVED THIS WOULD NOT CAUSE SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS AS "NORMANDIE"'S NEXT PORT-OF-CALL AFTER KAOHSIUNG IS PORT OF KEELUNG (WHICH ALSO LOCATED IN ROC). UNGER

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